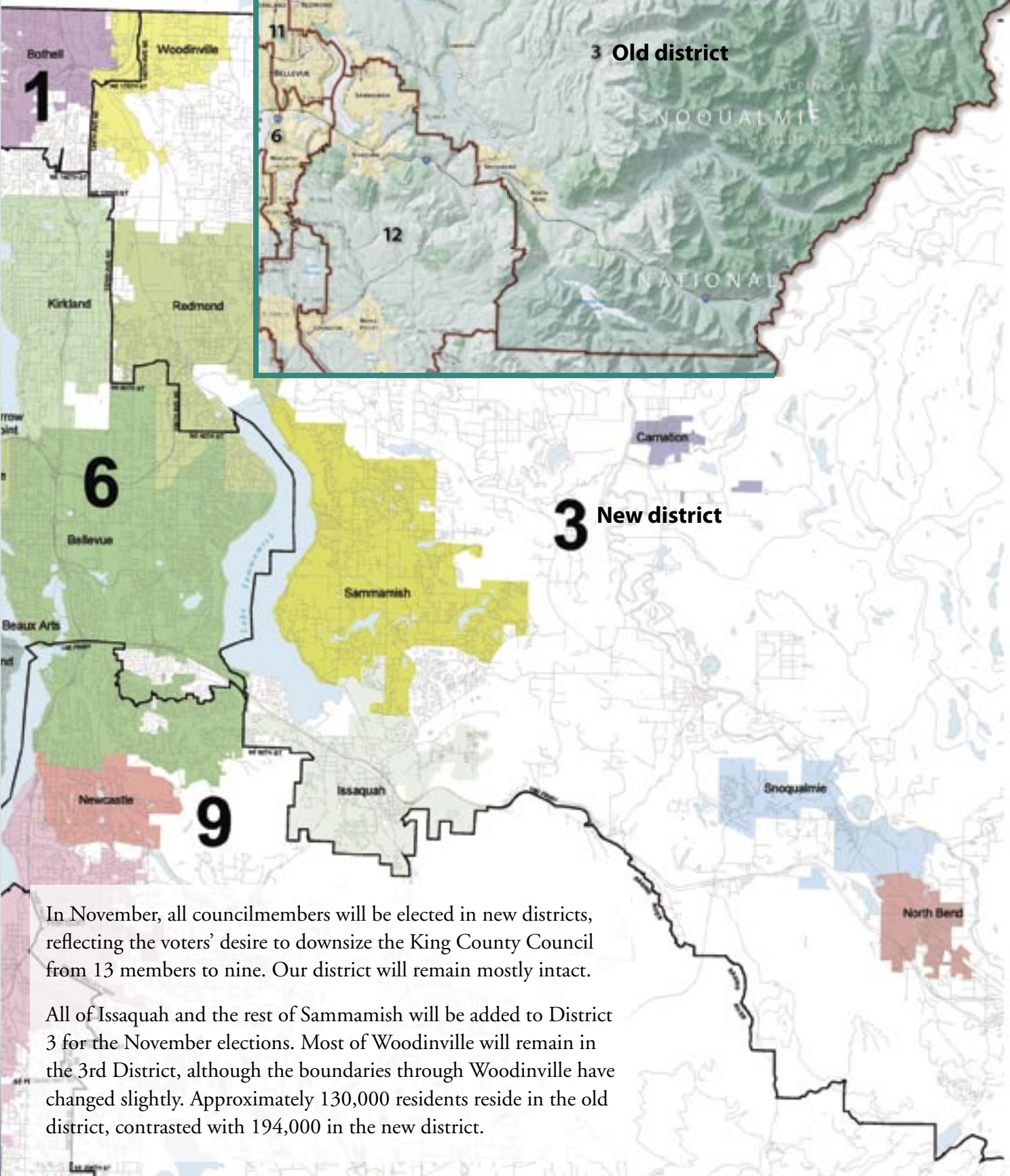


New Council districts in King County

Kathy remains in District 3, but the boundaries will change in 2006.



In November, all councilmembers will be elected in new districts, reflecting the voters’ desire to downsize the King County Council from 13 members to nine. Our district will remain mostly intact.

All of Issaquah and the rest of Sammamish will be added to District 3 for the November elections. Most of Woodinville will remain in the 3rd District, although the boundaries through Woodinville have changed slightly. Approximately 130,000 residents reside in the old district, contrasted with 194,000 in the new district.

Small map shows the current District 3. Larger map shows the new boundaries that will take effect in 2006.

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Left: Kathy makes a new friend during the opening of an equestrian trail in the Snoqualmie Valley.

Working as Liaison to Olympia and Washington, DC



Kathy and Councilmember David Irons spend time talking with Congressman Dave Reichert, who serves on the Federal Transportation Committee.

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**Kathy Lambert**  
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Dear Friends,

Several major issues have come before the council over the past few months, and I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with an update on your local/regional government.

Transportation continues to be an important issue in our district. With the reallocation of the \$30 car tabs, there is \$79.4 million less revenue than originally projected for the next five years. As a result, we had to reallocate the projects over a longer period of time. I fought to keep the funding necessary to complete projects in our communities, and I was successful in keeping most of our projects on the priority list.

The homeless issue brought out many who shared their opinions and concerns. I believe our focus must be on wrap-around services that help people’s root problems and get them back on their feet so they can support themselves if possible.

The council recently unanimously endorsed the WRIA7 Snohomish Basin Conservation Plan. This plan was authored by a coalition of farmers, environmentalists, agencies, local government officials, and private citizens. As in any collaborative effort, I do not agree with 100 percent of this plan, but it is the first plan that addresses the need to save our farmland and keep our forests economically viable while we restore our salmon habitat.

Please continue to keep me informed. My job is to address your local and regional government needs and to put your ideas into action whenever possible.

Thank you,  
*Kathy Lambert*



Transportation update



The State Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of Initiative 776 (the \$30 car tabs). As a result, King County stopped collecting additional local vehicle license fees that had been used as a funding source for many transportation capital improvement projects. Therefore, the council approved a revised plan which reduced transportation funding by \$79.4 million over the next six years.

I am pleased that most of our transportation projects in the 3rd District are still moving forward even with this reduction in funding. There are always more transportation projects than money, and this will not change in the near future.

I will continue to work to see that transportation projects in our communities receive the funding necessary to improve our local and regional transportation infrastructure.

King County Commission on Governance

I am proud to have co-sponsored the King County Commission on Governance. It has been just over one year since this commission submitted its report to the

council. The report included the following recommendations:

- Consolidate central services within one agency, instead of allowing these services to be spread across all branches of government
- Expedite information technology strategic planning to solve the financial system problems that plague the county
- Make robust, outcome-based performance measurements
- Implement operational master planning to see agency by agency how we can improve services
- Make external evaluation of county services a priority

We need to streamline our government to save money and improve services. We are working with the Executive to implement these recommendations.

Housing

The average house price in King County is now \$355,000. We need affordable housing for all income levels. Housing prices rising 16-27 percent in one year prevents many from being able to afford their own home. As a mom, I know first hand that this is just unacceptable. Affordable housing is an area I will continue to work on for our families.

We continue to work with the federal government’s “10-Year Plan to End Homelessness.” I have traveled

to Portland and to Orange County in Southern California to look at the various plans they have implemented and to learn from their successes.

The next step is to address the needs of current homeless veterans, and to be sure we are prepared for those veterans, both men and women, soon to be returning to the United States from around the globe.

State re-names our county MLK County

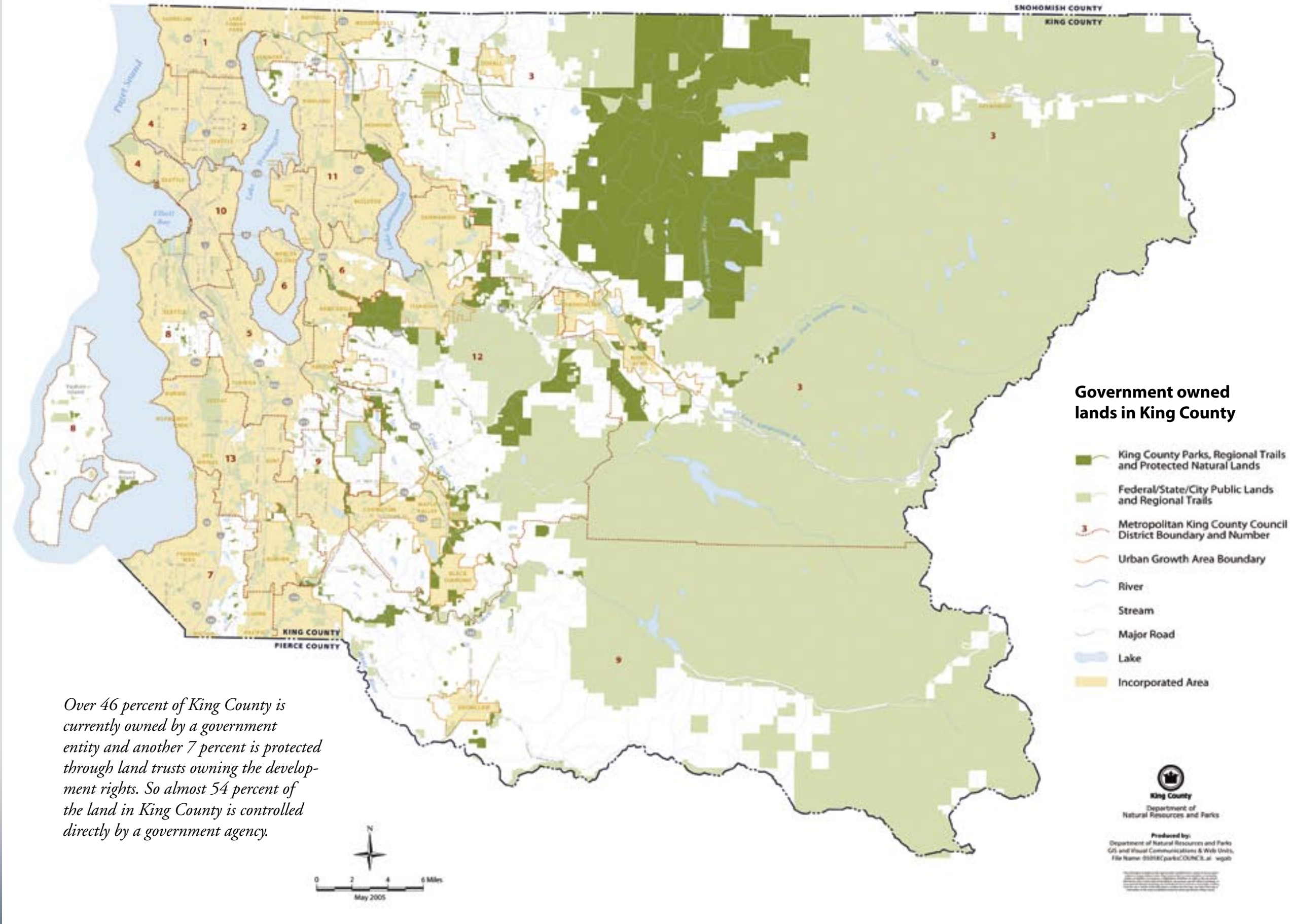
In April, the Governor signed into law the name Martin Luther King County. Eight years ago, the name had been informally adopted to include MLK, but now it is formal. The governor signed the bill into law on the first floor of the King County Courthouse.

We are the only county in the state that has had its name changed under state law. I wish there had been more discussion of this matter in King County prior to the State Legislature changing our county’s name.

Government owned land

How much of King County land do you think government already owns?

We can work together to protect the environment without taking more land off the tax rolls. As private land is purchased by public entities, it is taken off the tax rolls. This increases property taxes for the rest of us landowners, in order to raise the same amount of revenue to operate our government.



Over 46 percent of King County is currently owned by a government entity and another 7 percent is protected through land trusts owning the development rights. So almost 54 percent of the land in King County is controlled directly by a government agency.

New Sammamish Valley Tourism and Recreation Map Is Available

Kathy being presented the Sammamish Valley recreation map by Chris Jansen, GIS and Jim Pearman, Mercer Island Councilmember. The map was made possible through funding from the Cities of Redmond and Woodinville and King County.

